

Dear Padre,

A friend told me not to worry about salvation because we're predestined to be saved or condemned. Why try to be a good person if God has already decided where I'll end up?

The idea that some people are predestined to be saved and others are damned is contrary to Catholic teaching.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that "when therefore [God] establishes his eternal plan of 'predestination,' he includes in it each person's free response to his grace" (600; emphasis added).

The *Catechism* (1038) also cites the parable of the separation of the sheep from the goats, in which the sheep and goats are separated not randomly, but based on their actions: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory...all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father'....And [those on the left] will go off to eternal punishment" (Matthew 25:31-46).

God wants to save all people. The way we respond to God's gift of salvation is called *free will*. Unfortunately, not everyone accepts that gift.

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TO STUDIO / SHUTTERSTOCK



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Jesus says, "I came to bring division." It is not that Jesus wishes to split people up....Following Jesus entails giving up evil and selfishness and choosing good, truth, and justice, even when this demands sacrifice and the renunciation of our own interests. And this indeed divides; as we know, it even cuts the closest ties.

ANGELUS, AUGUST 18, 2013

Calendar

Monday
AUGUST 15
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday
AUGUST 16
Weekday
Ez 28:1-10
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday
AUGUST 17
Weekday
Ez 34:1-11
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday
AUGUST 18
Weekday
Ez 36:23-28
Mt 22:1-14

Friday
AUGUST 19
Weekday
Ez 37:1-14
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday
AUGUST 20
St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Ez 43:1-7ab
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday
AUGUST 21
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:18-21
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Lk 13:22-30



August 14, 2022

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Heb 12:1-4

Lk 12:49-53

A House Divided

One of the heaviest burdens people are forced to carry is the distress of "a house divided." When Abraham Lincoln said "a house divided against itself cannot stand," he was referring to the division within the country during the Civil War. We experience a similar, though not as lethal, separation when our two-party system of government engenders obstinate division—not merely acceptable political diversity. Perhaps the most heartbreaking example of a house divided is a family in which members are alienated from each other.

There are as many reasons for family division as there are families. Reasons include the betrayal of one member by another, inheritance disparity, parental favoritism, sibling rivalry, to name a few. One might think that those involved should be able to resolve such differences—after all, isn't blood thicker than water? On the other hand, how are serious family rifts to be repaired if the reason for division is one's faith or commitment to God? That is the situation that Jesus describes today.

We might wonder how faith in God can tear families apart. It often happens when someone leaves the religion of one's family and converts to another tradition. This might be judged as a betrayal of the family's values. This may be what many of Jesus' Jewish followers faced when they claimed that Jesus fulfilled their religious expectations while other family members did not share their belief. That was a terrible price to have to pay for fidelity to their faith, but they paid it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

✦ *What steps might you take to heal a family rift? What's keeping you from taking them?*



*Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?
No, I tell you, but rather division.*

LUKE 12:51



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 13 4:00 p.m. For the People
Sunday, August 14 9:00 a.m. Suellen Bergkamp
Monday, August 15 8:30 a.m. For Parishioners
Tuesday, August 16 8:30 a.m. Ron Kaiser
Thursday, August 18 8:30 a.m. Special Int. –Powers F.
Friday, August 19 8:30 a.m. Rosie Perez
Saturday, August 20 4:00 p.m. For the People
Sunday, August 21 9:00 a.m. Jack, Leona & Joe Randolph

20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (color: Green)

8/13/2022- Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Maggie Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

Reader: Tom Bachman

8/14/2022 –Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kingston Guerrero, Cade Berning, Jace Berning

Reader: Kyle Berning

21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME(color: Green)

8/20/2022- Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy Gannett, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

Reader: Volunteer

8/21/2022 –Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Alvin Bergkamp

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –AUGUST 14, 2022

GOD IS LOVE

Friends, in all three of this Sunday’s readings we see references to people standing up for something. And we hear about the consequences for that kind of steadfast commitment. In the First Reading (Jeremiah 38:4-10) we hear how Jeremiah was tossed into a cistern and left to die --- simply because he was saying things that others didn’t want to hear. And in our Second Reading from the Book of Hebrews (Hebrews 12:1-4) we hear how Jesus endured opposition from sinners --- even being willing to accept the cross rather than change or diminish what he stood for. And in the Gospel passage from Luke (Luke 12:49-53) Jesus paints quite a picture for his followers --- one which almost certainly makes them begin realize that if they continue to spread Jesus’ message there will surely be those who oppose them strongly --- maybe even a brother or sister, mother or father, or in-law.

So what do we stand for? Where do we stand? And who are we standing with?

Kindness? Or would we rather make others feel less than us?

Mercy? Or would we rather get even?

Generosity? Or would we rather strive for the biggest piece of the pie?

Forgiveness? Or must we always hold on to our grudges?

Justice? Or are we ok with inequities we see all around us?

Compassion? Or are we simply happy we aren’t in that situation?

Love? Or are we only concerned with our own well-being, our own needs?

Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for August 7, 2022: Envelopes: \$1030; Loose: \$304; Online Giving: \$548.97; Total \$1882.97; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under +121.80

CHURCH PROJECT GOAL \$52000—Last weekend contribution: \$238; Building Fund To Date: \$14,292.26

Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.

SINCERE SYMPATHY & PRAYERS Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family, on the passing of your beloved husband and father, Leon Martinez. May the Almighty God wrap His loving arms around you and the entire family and give you peace. May he rest in peace.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE We will be having a Church Rummage Sale along with the food sale this year. The date will be August 20th. We are asking for any items you would like to donate to the annual Rummage Sale to be delivered to the Parish Hall by Wednesday, August 17th.

Any homemade food items, such as baked goods, enchiladas, burritos, and garden produce, we are asking these items be delivered to the Parish Hall on Friday evening August 19th or by 7 AM, Saturday, August 20th.

The Parish Hall will be open Friday evening from 6:30pm to 7:30pm for food deliveries.

Please contact any one of the names listed below if you have questions.

Jana Jenkinson 620-290-5201 / Tressa Powers 620-260-6247 / Gwen Waechter 620-272-1030 / Carolyn Robertson 620-290-5569 / Jane Sullivan 620-355-5118

Thank you and we look forward to seeing everyone August 20th at the Sale!

DECHANT FOUNDATION GOLF CLASSIC FOR PRIEST RETIREMENT 2022 Join us at Mariah Hills Golf Course in Dodge City for the Dechant Foundation Golf Classic for Priest Retirement. This 4 person scramble will be Friday September 9, with shotgun start at 10:30 am. Team Deadline is August 23. Not a golfer? There are sponsorship opportunities, learn more at dcdiocese.org/dechant. Or email ehaselhorst@dcdiocese.org

VOCATION VIEW Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can share His love with zeal. (Luke 12)

STEWARDSHIP In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (by St. Teresa of Avila) Majestic sovereign, timeless wisdom, your kindness melts my hard, cold soul. Handsome lover, selfless giver, your beauty fills my dull, sad eyes. I am yours, you made me. I am yours, you called me. I am yours, you saved me. I am yours, you loved me. I will never leave your presence. Give me death, give me life. Give me sickness, give me health. Give me honor, give me shame. Give me weakness, give me strength. I will have whatever you give. Amen

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Luke 12:49-53)

Fire Verse 49 is vague enough to allow for various and overlapping interpretations. • Fire will destroy evil and/or those who reject Jesus and his ministry • Fire purifies • Fire refers to the Holy Spirit

Baptism Baptism comes from the Greek word for immersion and refers to drowning. Jesus uses the term to refer to his suffering and death in Jerusalem. By anguish or distress Jesus expresses his sense of the gravity or seriousness of what's to come and the need for him to remain resolute.

Family ties Elsewhere Luke assures us that Jesus has come to bring peace (1:76-79, 2:14, 10:5, 19:38). Because people reject Jesus and his ministry, the result of his coming is conflict and division, and not only between the religious leaders and everyone else. As families learn about Jesus and hear his teaching, some believe him and others don't, which strains even the tightest social bonds, sometimes to the breaking point.

Think twice Jesus has already urged his disciples to avoid greed, give up their possessions, and be constantly alert for the fullness of God's kingdom (12:15, 33, 35). By declaring that families will be torn apart by his ministry, Jesus issues one of his biggest warnings. The cost of following him might be more than some people are willing to bear. When confronted with the true costs of discipleship, some people might stop following Jesus.

What will you do? This short and startling passage invites us to reflect on the peace Jesus brings. Do we believe he brings deep and lasting peace, or do we think hidden conflicts will endure? Will we follow Jesus, bearing the costs of pursuing peace even when we face divisions that seem impossible to overcome? Those who think the costs are too great might find their perspective changed by the Second Reading: Consider how [Jesus] endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood (www.oursundayreadings)

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10)

Politics Jeremiah preached before and during the Babylonian invasions of the sixth century BC. The prophet perceived that Babylon's attacks on Israel were God's way of punishing the people. He urged King Zedekiah to submit to the foreign nation. Not everyone agreed. Although King Zedekiah respected Jeremiah, he ultimately followed the advice of the anti-Babylonian faction in his government – to his ruin. In this passage Jeremiah has once again been preaching against attempts to fight off the Babylonians. Since his words are bad for morale, some officials try to shut him up. The repercussions of killing a true prophet of the LORD are severe, so they try to kill Jeremiah indirectly.

Into the mud Rain has been so scarce that when Jeremiah is lowered into the cistern (a well) he sinks into mud instead of water. Because the Babylonians have laid siege to Jerusalem, food has also become scarce. Ebed-melech, recognizing that Jeremiah is preaching God's word, intervenes to save the prophet. Zedekiah, anxious and uncertain about how to handle Babylon, allows Ebed-melech to intervene. (www.oursundayreadings)

DIOCESAN ZOOM CLASS THEO 4881 Loss, Grief, and Belief (1 hour college Course)

Four nights, Four topics, Three instructors: Oct. 4 Psychology of Death and Dying – Instructor Sr. Joan Wolf; Oct. 11 Making sense out of Violence – Instructor Fr. Frank Coady; Oct. 18 Handling our losses and mourning our griefs – Instructor Sr. Francine Schwarzenberger; Oct. 25 The healing rituals of the church – Instructor Fr. Frank Coady

Tuesday evenings - 6:00 to 9:30 pm

Class Dates - Oct. 6, 11, 18, 25

Location - This course will be offered over Zoom. To be in a Zoom class, one will need a computer with a microphone and camera.

Cost: 1 hr. college course for credit - \$50.00* 1 hr. college course for enrichment - \$25.00* *Does not include textbook

Q: A friend insisted that I should bury a statue of Saint Joseph upside down in my yard to assist the sale of the property. He said it really works. When I balked at this [as] superstitious, he took offense. I have similar troubles with some of the prayer cards and novena promises that go about. Am I being too strict? — Patricia Barry

Answer: The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines superstition in the following manner: “To attribute the efficacy of prayers or of sacramental signs to their mere external performance, apart from the interior dispositions that they demand” (2111). The practices you describe do have troublesome aspects. This becomes the case especially when the prayer or practice starts to have lots of moving parts. For example, it becomes not enough to pray, asking Saint Joseph’s help, but one must bury a statue of him in the front yard, facing the proper direction, and upside down as well. This not only seems impious (since burying a statue is not really a proper use of it), but also seems to have no connection to selling a house. One might ask, why not just ask Saint Joseph to pray for a quick sale? At least things like candles and the wearing of medals are external reminders to us and others of our prayer and devotion. But even these could become superstitious if one thinks that the mere performance of an external act will accomplish the goal. Further, if one frets over the fact that they forgot to wear a medal one day, or could not light a candle of a certain desired color, or place it in a particular spot in church, he or she is straying into magical thinking and superstition. Some will argue that burying a statue is just a harmless and pious custom. Perhaps. Reasonable people will often differ on where to draw the line between legitimate prayer practices and superstitious ones. This is because one cannot always see the internal disposition of the one who prays. But when prayers and practices start to have a lot of specific requirements or guarantees — for example, “never known to fail” — the risk and likelihood of superstition is increased. If a certain prayer said a certain number of times is “never known to fail,” does this not amount to a claim that we can force God to say yes to us? But this is a sin against faith, since we must trust God to give the best answer. Sometimes “no” is the best answer. Superstition is a common human problem rooted in fear. Often anxious or desperate people fall into this sort of thinking. But the only real solution is to develop a quiet trust in God, who knows what we need before we ask. Novenas, medals, candles, and statues can be consoling reminders that God and others love us, but they cannot alone substitute for faith. (Monsignor Pope)

SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH CCD (PSR) 2022-2023—Anyone interested in teaching CCD on Wednesday nights please text Lisa to confirm they will help (even if you have already talked to Lisa...please text her). Anyone else that wants to help with CCD please *also text Lisa. She will be messaging all teachers to verify the teacher’s meeting date. Lisa’s cell phone is 620-272-6866*

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to teach, but have little ones not old enough for CCD and no babysitter for the night. We got you covered, there will be a babysitter at the hall each Wednesday to watch over your little ones so you can help teach!! Please

2022
**STEWARDSHIP
CONFERENCE**

Alternative Agriculture, Walls are Everywhere, Mothers in Need and Pope Francis Teaching on the climate are some of the topics that will inform us on how to care for our common home.

**August 20, 2022
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe

REGISTRATION:
620-227-1537
dcdiocese.org/stewardship



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Make some noise for justice

Civil rights activist and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Congressman John Lewis hoped young Americans might get in trouble. "Good trouble, necessary trouble," he specified. Lewis wished that a passion for what's right might compel our young citizens to "find a way to get in the way" of injustice. A young prophet named Jeremiah once got in the way, winding up at the bottom of a well and nearly starving to death for causing trouble for his king. Jesus promises the same sort of trouble in our families if some members are baptized with fire while others don't feel the burn. Find yourself some good trouble. (Prepare the Word)

VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Haz que se hable de la justicia

El congresista John Lewis, activista de los derechos civiles y premiado con la Medalla Presidencial de la Libertad, esperaba que los jóvenes estadounidenses se metieran en problemas. "Buenos problemas, problemas necesarios," especificaba. Lewis deseaba que la pasión por lo correcto obligara a nuestros jóvenes ciudadanos a "encontrar la manera de poner obstáculos" a la injusticia. Un joven profeta llamado Jeremías una vez lo hizo, terminando en el fondo de un pozo y casi muriendo de hambre por causar problemas a su rey. Jesús promete el mismo tipo de problemas en nuestras familias si algunos miembros son bautizados con fuego mientras otros no sienten la quemadura. Búscate un buen problema.